

# ARPA Cultural Organization and Public Art Grant Recipients

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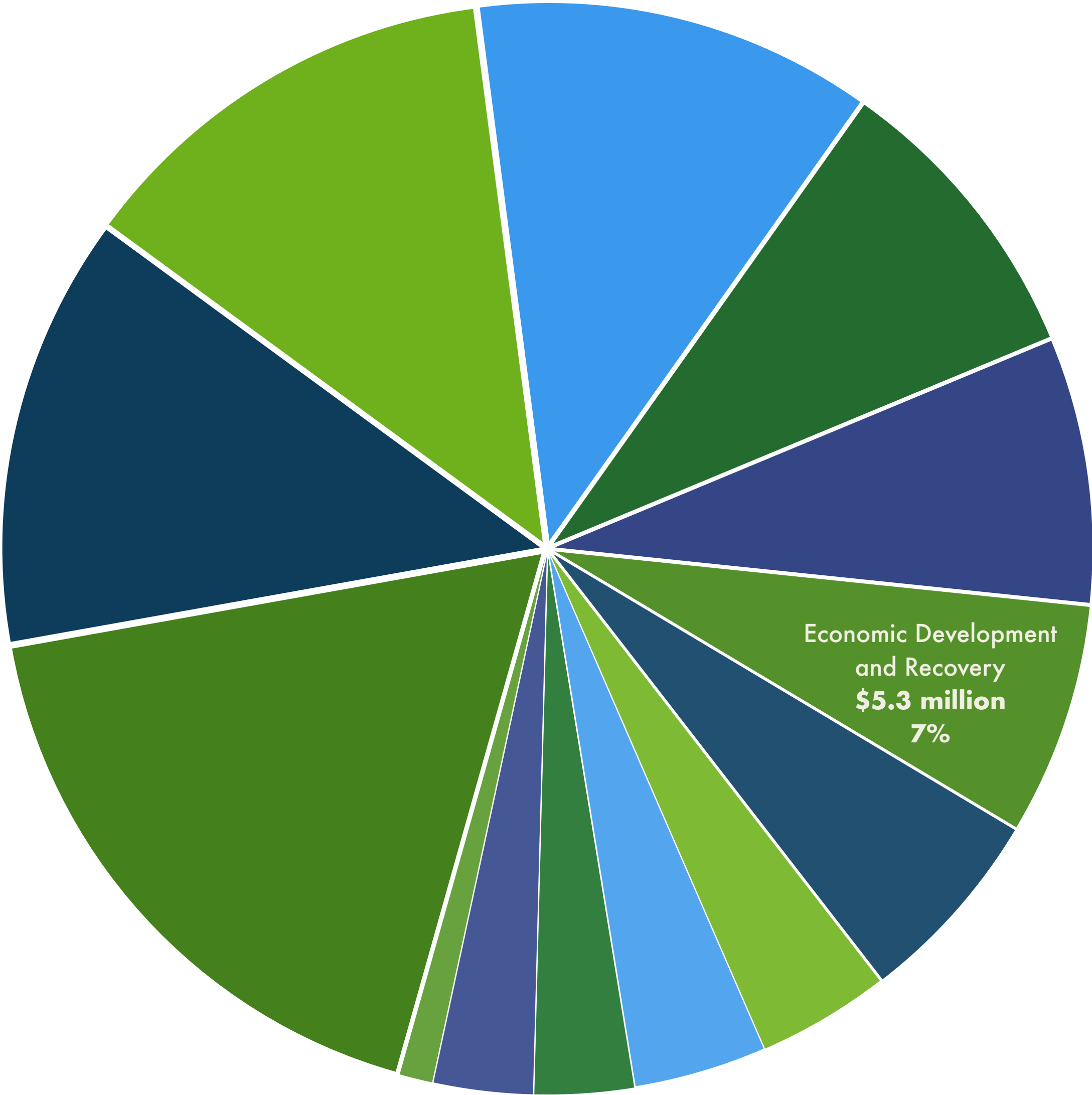
Office of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

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# ARPA Overview

Social Impact Programs	\$13,675,916.52	18%
Lowell Fire Department Apparatus Replacement Plan	\$9,877,050.82	13%
Revenue Replacement	\$9,877,050.82	13%
Lowell Neighborhood Improvement Plan	\$9,117,277.68	12%
Municipal Building Improvements	\$6,837,958.26	9%
CSO Improvements	\$6,078,185.12	8%
<b>Economic Development &amp; Recovery</b>	<b>\$5,318,411.98</b>	<b>7%</b>
Non-Profit Support (Under \$500k in Annual Income)	\$4,558,638.84	6%
Water, Wastewater, & Public Works Vehicle Purchases	\$3,039,092.56	4%
ARPA Program Management and Federal Compliance	\$3,039,092.56	4%
Water & Sewer Infrastructure Projects (Non-CSO)	\$1,899,432.85	3%
Support Public Health Response to COVID-19 Pandemic	\$1,899,432.85	3%
Premium Pay Program	\$759,773.14	1%
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MUNICIPAL ARPA FUNDS	\$54,450,130	27%
COUNTY ARPA FUNDS	\$21,527,184.00	28%
<b>TOTAL ARPA FUNDS</b>	<b>\$75,977,314.00</b>	<b>100%</b>



Source: American Rescue Plan Act Presentation to Lowell City Council 10/04/22

# ARPA Cultural Sector Grant Programs

**Total allocation: \$800,000**

- **Cultural Organization Recovery Program (\$300,000)**

- Open to 501(c)3 organizations or organizations with a dedicated fiscal agent. This program is designed to help Lowell's cultural organizations with audience retention and building, partnership building, and community engagement. Organizations must have been in operation on or before January 1, 2022. *Closes September 1, 2023, at 5:00PM.*

- **City of Lowell Public Art Program (\$300,000)**

- Open to nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, and individuals. This program aims to stimulate a sense of community pride and improve the quality of life for Lowell Residents. Projects must meet all City of Lowell Public Art guidelines, and a formal public art application must be submitted. *Closes August 25, 2023, at 5:00PM.*

- **Cultural Festivals and Events Program (\$200,000)**

- Open to 501(c)3 organizations, nonprofit organizations, and volunteer-led groups. This program is intended to provide a first or next step in recovery, and continue and enhance the successful return of cultural festivals and events in 2023. Priority will be given to festivals and events that can demonstrate a plan for sustainability beyond the end of the program.

# Program Applications Overview

## Cultural Organization Recovery

*Allocation: \$300,000*

- Applications were accepted from June 1 to September 1, 2023
- 18 submissions were received and reviewed, with a total request of \$687,055
- 14 applications met the criteria and received at least partial funding

## Public Art

*Allocation: \$300,000*

- Applications were accepted from March 29 to August 25, 2023
- 10 submissions were received and reviewed, with a total request of \$303,590.40
- 7 applications met the criteria and received at least partial funding

The grant selection committee was comprised of a panel of representatives from the City of Lowell, Mosaic Lowell, The Lowell Plan/LDFC, Coalition for a Better Acre, and UKG

# Cultural Organization Recovery Program

## Grant Recipients

- Arts League of Lowell - \$1,837.50
- Angkor Dance Troupe - \$30,000
- CMAA - \$19,500
- DIY Lowell - \$30,000
- Friends of the Lowell Council on Aging - \$17,385
- Latinx Community Center for Empowerment - \$11,250
- Lowell Festival Foundation - \$30,000
- Lowell Makes - \$31,500
- Lowell Poetry Wheel - \$23,220
- Merrimack Repertory Theatre - \$30,000
- Mill City Grows - \$26,000
- New England Quilt Museum - \$4,000
- Refuge Lowell - \$33,000
- Whistler House Museum - \$13,000



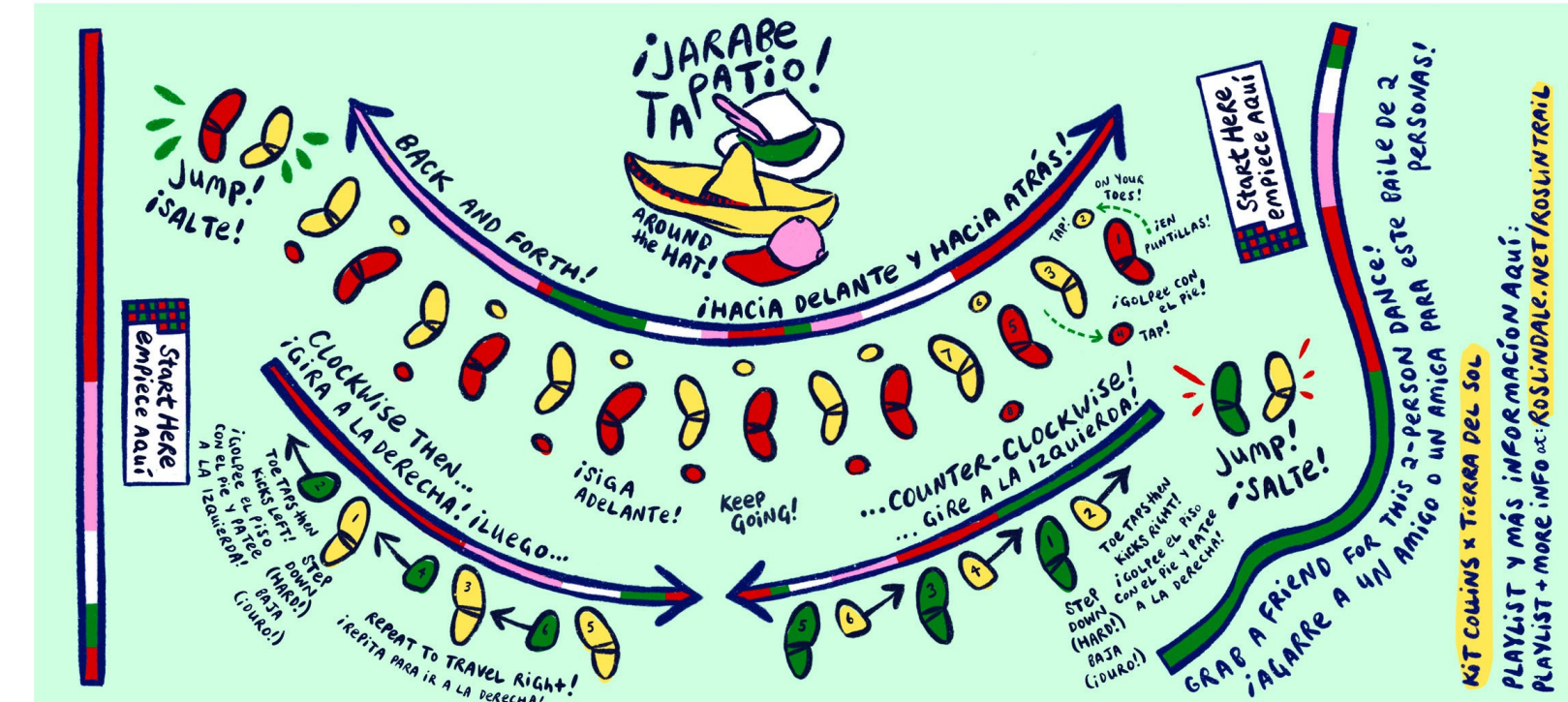
# Public Art Program

## Grant Recipients

- Action Acre: New North Common Mural - \$45,466
- ArtUp Lowell: Public Art and Culture Trail - \$100,000
- CNAG: Welcome to Centralville Sign - \$40,275.40
- Jay Hungate: WaterDragon Sculpture - \$2,695
- Kit Collins: Let's Dance Lowell neighborhood murals - \$32,000
- My Beautiful Mind mural and canvas painting - \$50,000
- Ryan Horton: Kinetic Prism Sculpture - \$11,000

Photo: example sidewalk dance diagram mural by Kit Collins

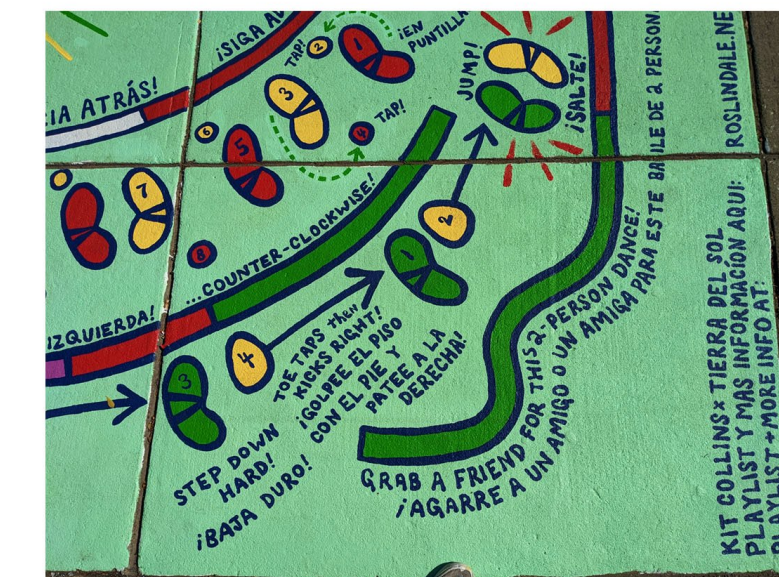
Artwork sample: Jarabe Tapatío  
Healy Field – Roslindale, MA, 2022



Mural rendering



Photographs of completed mural



Completed mural is 180" x 90" (15'x7.5').

My proposal is to design sidewalk "dance diagram" murals based on community-driven locations and choreography, so unfortunately I do not have a rendering of the specific mural(s) I would like to paint in Lowell at this time. Those specifics would flow from a collaborative process with Lowell-based dancers and neighborhood groups. In lieu of that, here is a rendering of one of the dance diagram murals I designed and then painted in Roslindale in 2022. It was choreographed by the Roslindale-based leaders of dance troupe Tierra del Sol, and painted in a location picked out by the Roslindale Village Main Streets mural committee.



# Special Thanks

Thank you to the grant selection committee comprised of representatives from the City of Lowell, Coalition for a Better Acre, Mosaic Lowell, The Lowell Plan/LDFC, and UKG.

To the City Council and City Manager, thank you for allocating this investment in the artistic and cultural future of Lowell. This investment represents a commitment to nurturing creativity, celebrating diversity, and fostering community connection — all things that happen when we come together in celebration.

We look forward to supporting the Cultural Sector and the City of Lowell's recovery and return to a healthy, vibrant center of arts and culture in the region.

